



Report to the Auburn City Council

Action Item

Agenda Item No. **7**

[Signature]
City Manager's Approval

To: City Council Members
From: Mayor Kevin Hanley
Date: January 28, 2013
Subject: Temporary Committee: 125th Anniversary of City of Auburn Re-Incorporation

The Issue

Shall the City Council approve the creation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to meet regarding the upcoming 125th anniversary of the re-incorporation of the City of Auburn?

Conclusion and Recommendation

That the City Council approve, by motion, the creation of an ad-hoc committee regarding the upcoming 125th anniversary of the re-incorporation of the City of Auburn.

Background

After the settlement of a twenty-year legal dispute between a railroad corporation and the City of Auburn, the City re-incorporated on May 2, 1888. As reported in the local newspaper, this was a time of great celebration in Auburn. Since the 125th anniversary of the City's re-incorporation will occur on May 2, 2013, I believe this is a good opportunity for the City and residents of Auburn to display, remember and celebrate our City's rich and interesting history. As I look back on Auburn's history, it is clear to me that we have strengthened our community through teamwork among residents, business owners, volunteers city staff and the elected city leaders. Auburn residents came together to create a police force, Hook and Ladder Company, a city to provide municipal services, and a telegraph company to solve common problems. To advance this purpose, I request that the City Council approve the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to commemorate the 125th Anniversary of the City of Auburn's Re-Incorporation.

My expectation is that the Ad Hoc Committee would meet as often as necessary, invite public participation, agree on some ideas that would highlight Auburn's history and periodically report the City Council on any upcoming events or activities. I recommend that the City Council agree to appoint Councilman Mike Holmes as Chairman, Councilman Keith Nesbitt as Vice Chairman and have City Manager Bob Richardson and City Historian April McDonald serve on the committee. I would like this Ad Hoc Committee to automatically sunset on December 1, 2013 but may end sooner upon a recommendation of the Ad Hoc committee.

Fiscal Impact

None.

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